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BY AMERICANA AND DAVIAN DEVOH



THE MIRACLE OF GLOW

The Past,
Present &
Future of
the Show
that Revolutionized
Wrestling

Matt Cimber, GLOW's director, claims the GLOW girls were dropped on their heads at birth, the prerequisite that they all are slightly crazy. What he really means is that GLOW (the Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling) offers its wrestlers a place to play out any fantasy they may have retained since early childhood.

After one year on the air, GLOW has established itself as both play land and play time. It's the original make believe. More than just wrestling, GLOW is an action-comedy series that has become immensely popular with audiences of some 75 TV stations that broadcast the program.

Although GLOW is only carried on independent stations, the show's publicist, Gabe Elias, claims it's a smash hit in roughly 70 percent of the United States, Puerto Rico, Argentina and Australia.

Last February GLOW ranked second in ratings of all regularly scheduled sports

Whether in the ring against Spanish Red (left below) or visiting with her manager Jackie Stallone (left top), Americana gracefully shows the miracle of GLOW to millions of adoring fans.

telecasts. It also ranked 26th of 416 syndicated national shows among the prized 18-to-49-year-old male audience. It's now the top-rated action comedy show available to independent stations throughout the country.

"GLOW has redefined what people are watching on television," Elias says. "People like GLOW. They find it hilarious, interesting and stimulating. They're showing their interest through the Nielsen ratings." GLOW sneaks into people's lives without their apparent awareness. Cimber cites viewers who tell him the show is stupid, yet they've seen every show.

GLOW began through Cimber's association with actress Laurie Landon, who made the film *All the Marbles*. This film, along with two others she made with Cimber, sported women's wrestling scenes. Out of those films came GLOW, a women's action-comedy wrestling show where anything goes.

Is GLOW sexist? Maybe. And maybe not. It consists of 42 characters, with approximately 30 girls currently employed. Characters aren't based on gender. They're not strippers, and they don't have strippers' names. Instead, GLOW characters develop around sociological and political trends in today's society.

A particular kind of girl fits GLOW's characters. They have to be extremely good-looking. But according to Elias, this doesn't necessarily mean blonde, blue-eyed, and six feet tall. A GLOW wrestler can also be dark-haired, well-proportioned and 300 pounds (such as Mt. Fiji). Many are actresses, showgirls (the show is taped in Las Vegas) and aerobics instructors.

However, GLOW girls *must* be athletes, with tumbling and gymnastics ability. They must enjoy physical contact, or as Elias puts it, "combat." They are intelligent women with a sense of comedy, constantly delivering lines to TV and live audiences. They must also be personable, because they interact with all age groups, including children.

Irv Hollender (of Independent Net-

work, Inc., which distributes GLOW), says interaction with children plays a big part in a GLOW girl's success. Youngsters pick their favorite GLOW characters from both good girls and villains. And in come multitudes of fan letters. The show airs during weekend morning hours on many stations—prime children's hours—often pitting GLOW against popular animated cartoons on other stations. This young eight-to-14-year-old audience now comprises a large portion of GLOW fans, destroying any possible criticism that the show is sexist.

Ratings also show that many women ages 16 to 50 regularly watch the show, although their reasons may not be the same as men's. While men find GLOW physical and funny, women love its weird makeup, hairstyles and outfits.

Cimber claims GLOW girls play it straight when they wrestle, which makes you wonder if Cimber himself has fallen into his own special GLOW character—Hollywood director of the 1940s. "Spanish Red will take your head off if you're not careful," Cimber emphasizes. "And she means it. Of course, whatever comes out of that is something else. We have other characters like the Housewives and the Princess of Darkness, hitting on all cross-sections of our society."

Some of those cross-sections take GLOW very seriously. Cimber talks about criticism from organizations such as the American Legion, NAACP and the Jewish Anti-Defamation League. He's even received threatening phone calls from an Islamic group complaining about competition from Palestina. There is nothing sacred in GLOW.

Upcoming plans at GLOW headquarters call for a number of live roadshow performances, more girls and more teams. GLOW girls will follow the same tour as the Ice Capades and Harlem Globetrotters.

There will even be a GLOW telephone line available this fall, similar to sports lines, where your favorite GLOW character can be dialed at a special number. ■

When it comes to real excitement, GLOW girls make male wrestlers look like a bunch of stiffs in boxer shorts!

NO HOLDS BARRED



Ashley Cartier

GIVE ME GLOW

I just watched GLOW on TV again and I love it! I can't get enough. Although my favorite wrestler is Mountain Fiji, I like watching all the women.

There's one thing about GLOW I find shocking, however, and that's Ninotchka. With all her dirty tricks and low blows I can't see how GLOW officials can let her in the ring. She's nothing but a brawler. Why doesn't she go back to Russia where she belongs?

Anyway, I love GLOW and watch it every week, Ninotchka or no Ninotchka.

Mike Dickson
Santa Monica, CA

However, my dad says we're going to move to the Midwest soon—maybe even to a small town. Now I can handle a small town, but I can't stand the thought of missing a single exciting episode of GLOW.

What should I do? GLOW is the last thing my dad is concerned about.

Tad Walgine Jr.

Brooklyn Heights, NY

Don't worry, Tad. You may just move to an area that carries GLOW. And if no station in your new area broadcasts it, write the program directors of each TV station and ask them to do so. State how you feel about GLOW and remind them that many other people in your locale agree. —Ed.

FAN MAIL

How do I write to Jungle Woman? I love her! She's gorgeous! She's my favorite GLOW wrestler. Is there any chance I can get an autographed picture of her? I'd love to hang it on my bedroom wall.

Steve Rankow
Portsmouth, VA

You may write to Jungle Woman or any other GLOW wrestler c/o GLOW magazine, 6565 Sunset Blvd., Suite 520, Hollywood, CA 90028.

—Ed.

MORE ROUGH STUFF

I've been a fan of women's wrestling for many years, way back before GLOW existed. I thought champs like Mildred Burke and June Byers were tough, but today's GLOW women put them to shame. Byers and Burke wouldn't stand a chance against the likes of the Cheerleaders.

GLOW women are much more skillful and brutal than the women wrestlers of yesteryear. And they're so lovely—far more beautiful than the women wrestlers of the past.

I love it when these gorgeous women punch, kick and wrestle hard. In fact, the hard-hitting action is

MISSING OUT

I'm 12 years old and watch GLOW all the time.

the main reason I continue to watch GLOW every week.

Morris L. Smith
San Francisco, CA

NO FAIR!

I recently saw the Housewives in action. Oh, the filthy, low-down tricks those Housewives pulled. It's just not fair.

Why do they get to bring Lysol, plungers and other cleaning materials into the ring? They just use them illegally against their opponents. Where's their sense of decency?

Laura Christensen
Phoenix, AZ

LOVE THAT HUMOR

GLOW is the funniest show on television. I accidentally found it one day while flicking the channels around, and after watching it for a few minutes I was hooked for life!

That Mae West skit Mountain Fiji does is absolutely hysterical. I am a big fan of Miss West and have seen virtually all of her movies. Has Fiji thought

about doing some Mae West remakes? They would be priceless.

Studds Tyrone
Canoga Park, CA

THANKS, FIJI

As president of the Southern California Youth Excellence Program, I want to thank Mountain Fiji for speaking at our annual fundraising dinner in Los Angeles recently. Because of her monumental efforts, we raised over \$10,000 to help underprivileged children strive for excellence in all they do.

Let me tell you, Fiji was sure an inspiration to those kids. After she was done, hundreds of them chanted, "Fiji, Fiji, Fiji!" I've never seen anything like it. Are all

Edward H. Stonebrook III
President
Southern California Youth
Excellence Program
Los Angeles, CA

AUNT KITTY BEWARE

Alright, Aunt Kitty. My



Olympia



Mountain Fiji

friends and I have been watching you at the GLOW shows and we know what you're up to. We see you giving sneaky ideas to your bad girls as they wrestle.

Well, we're not going to stand for it any longer. Consider yourself warned. If you keep it up, we will go to the top GLOW officials

and to the editor of GLOW magazine and blow the whistle on you.

Alfredo E. Newman
New York, NY

"No Holds Barred" is your GLOW forum. Address your comments to GLOW Magazine, 6565 Sunset Blvd., Suite 520, Hollywood, CA 90028. All letters received are subject to editing and cannot be returned.



EXCLUSIVE PROFILE

BY MARK VANSCHUYVER

Susie Spirit was down on the mat locked in the merciless grip of the Headhunter. The crowd roared their disapproval as the Headhunter went for the pin. Suddenly, Susie slipped free from the iron fingers, catapulted herself off the turnbuckle and slammed into her larger opponent with the incredible "Susie Spirit."

"Good will always prevail over evil," Susie says as she straightens the white bow in her fluffy brown hair. "I go into the ring with the most positive attitude I can, knowing that my body is as fit as it can be; my moves are polished and my strategy is the best."

'GOSH, I'M SO DURNED GOOD!'

Sure Susie is good. She enters the ring with a flurry of cartwheels and tumbles. Nobody doubts that she is a great athlete and a good person. But is spotless character enough to win?

"The Spirit of good is stronger," Susie answers. "I don't need to bring weapons into the ring. I don't need to instill fear into my opponent, and I don't need to

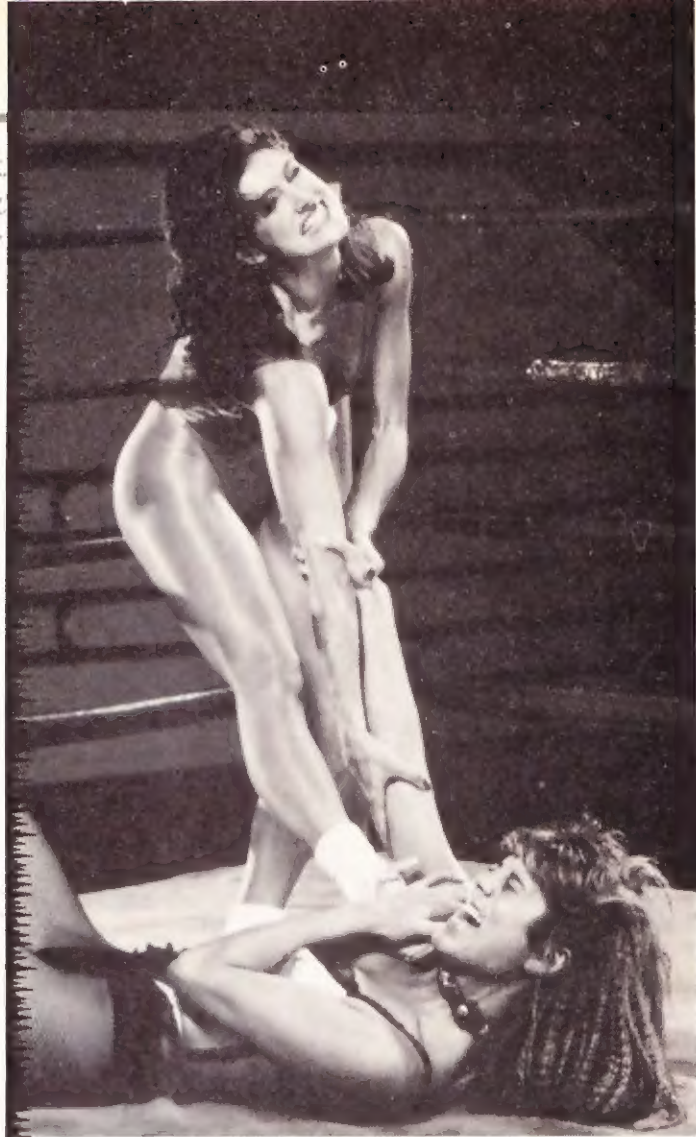


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A full-page photograph of a woman with dark, wavy hair, smiling and posing in a form-fitting, orange and yellow swimsuit. She is standing against a background of horizontal yellow and red stripes. Her right arm is raised, and her left hand is near her hip. The overall tone is bright and summery.

Susie Spirit

Susie Spirit makes even the
pure seem polluted.

PHOTO BY JEFF RILEY



Susie always takes her best weapon into the ring—her good attitude (left). Even though battered by her vicious apponents (right), Susie eventually comes up a winner.



PHOTO BY JEFF RILEY

'The spirit of winning is more important than winning itself.'

pull any dirty tricks."

Of course, this doesn't mean that Susie doesn't have a few special moves with which to surprise her adversaries. "What I do is just good wrestling," the brown-eyed cheerleader from Philadelphia explains. She flashes a radiant smile and straightens the tiny white bows on her shoes (which perfectly match the one in her hair).

"If I'm up against someone who's 280 pounds I figure the best thing to do is stay out from underneath her," Susie says. "I know I can't beat her by strength or by weight, but I can beat her by using my brains."

Brains or no brains, Spirit and her regular tag team partner Debbie Debutante are up against mountains of evil with the likes of the Heavy Metal Sisters.

"The spirit of winning is more important than winning itself, not that we would ever give up winning," Susie explains. "But what do you do when somebody walks into the ring with a chain saw? I figure the best thing to do is outsmart her at her own game. It's just one more obstacle I've got to get around."

When she's not wrestling with Debutante, Susie often teams up with the one-time Queen of GLOW, the beautiful Americana. "Americana and I did wonderful historical tributes before our matches," Susie remembers. Unfortunately, the tasteful events were often disrupted by the un-American acts of some of their opponents. In one match the Heavy Metal Sisters crashed the show and tried to hang Susie and her partner in front of hundreds of startled fans.

GLOW wrestling is certainly not all fun and body slams. It's no picnic and is sometimes downright dangerous.

"My arm was broken in a Cheerleaders vs. Headhunters match," Susie recalls. "I had to go through a lot of therapy. Then as my comeback I had to get a rematch against the Headhunters because that decision went against the Cheerleaders." Before that match the Cheerleaders had been undefeated.

Fortunately, Susie's recovery is now complete. The misfortune in the ring turned out to be good for the girl from the city of brotherly love. As a result of being sidelined, Susie is now a regular spokesperson for GLOW.

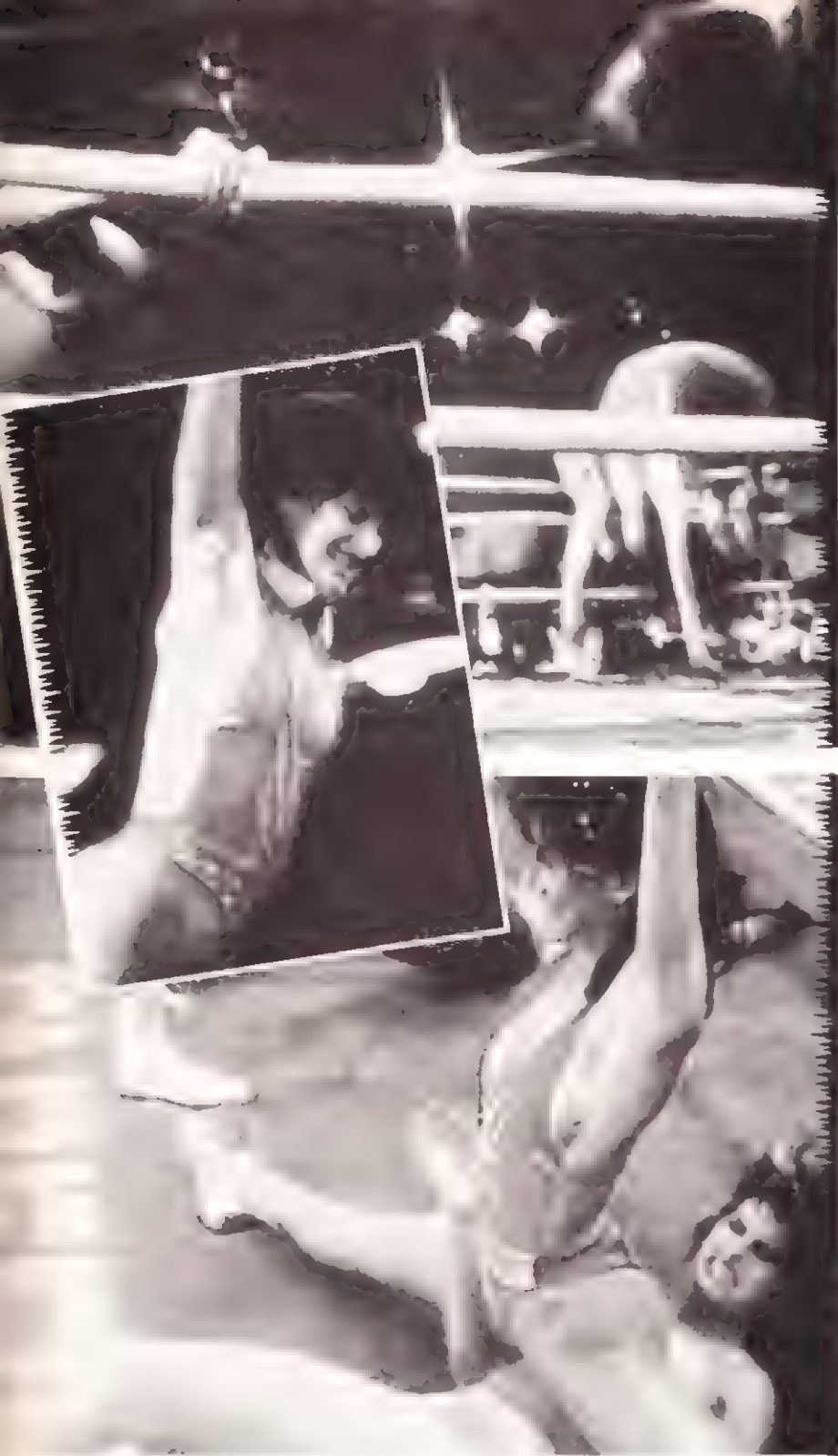
"I've been doing a lot of announcing



Rah rah
talent (left)
enabled
Susie to go
from pom
pom girl to
boom boom
gladiator
(right).



PHOTO BY JEFF RILEY



"Losing is just one more challenge. I take losing and use it for good instead of bad."

for GLOW," Susie says with excitement. The 22-year-old Spirit started out as ballet dancer and singer. "Announcing for GLOW is a natural and positive step for me and my career. Being a Cheerleader is what I am," Susie adds. "I love creating excitement and good sportsmanship." And do her fans love her? Susie's mail is almost all good.

"Out of over 2,000 letters I got only one that was, well, interesting," Susie

recalls. "It asked how come the Cheerleaders will never wrestle Hollywood and Vine. I thought about it. He was right—I had wrestled Hollywood and Vine with other partners but never with Debbie Debutante as the Cheerleaders.

"He said, 'If you would wrestle Hollywood and Vine they would kick your butts.' Well, I took that as a challenge. A challenge is to be met; it's not a negative thing at all."

When Susie Spirit does her flying Susie squash off the turnbuckle right into her famous flying body press, or smashes an opponent with the Susie splits, she looks more like Supergirl than a Philadelphia Cheerleader.

As an example of the power of good, Susie points to the trouble which exists in many of the opposing tag teams. "I've never seen a group of girls who can get distracted as easily as they can," Susie explains. "Especially Hollywood and Vine. It's so typical; it's like they defeat themselves. I don't even need to walk into the ring. If they don't get into an argument with each other I'm totally amazed.

"It's the same with Chainsaw and Spike," Spirit adds. "I had a match with them recently and Chainsaw started to beat on me, then Spike came in, deciding it's her turn. They get into an argument in the ring. And it's like I might as well step out and let them take care of each other, step back in, do the pin, take the money and run."

What about losing? Susie says it's something she can take better than a lot of other GLOW girls.

"Losing is just one more challenge," Spirit explains. "I take losing and use it for good instead of bad. The next time around I don't lose again for the same reasons, that's for sure." Susie's advice for the ring is true for the world as well. There is no doubt that she is every bit as good a person outside the ring as in."

Will this fresh-looking representative of good be able to prevail in a ring full of female demons in yet another season of GLOW? Or will Susie find that her positive attitude and strong training programs go up in smoke from an illegal ring fire?

"Deal with what you can and the rest may come along," Spirit concludes. Will good continue to prevail over evil in the ring? Only the Spirit knows. ■

GLOWLINES

BY TARA THE SOUTHERN BELLE

The Latest, Punchiest GLOW. Gossip

Speaking of appearances, you should have shared the fun Mountain Fiji, Aunt Kitty (okay, so she's the manager of the bad girls) and I had last September 1 at an anti-drug rally for kids at the Boys/Girls Club on 50th and Vermont in Los Angeles. Each of us spoke to about 200 young kids about the dangers of drug use. Even Kitty joined us in helping the kids to "just say no" to drugs. What a mob at the end, too! All those autographs to sign, and those pictures!

Remember Matilda the Hun? I know I'll never forget her, the way she tried to abuse me in the ring. Well, Aunt Kitty told me at the anti-drug rally why the Hun is no longer with GLOW. Oh, some people have rumored that she got better offers to wrestle elsewhere. But Kitty broke down and told me the truth. Kitty was growing more and more concerned for Matilda, who was still a good GLOW wrestler. However, Kitty was worried that the Hun would get hurt because of her advancing age. That's right, Matilda the Hun was getting too old for GLOW! So Kitty dropped her from the bad girls team. "You wouldn't expect me to let Matilda face Mountain Fiji, would you?" Kitty asked. "Fiji would kill her!"

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GLOW GIRLS
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Okay, we all know Susie Spirit's a great athlete and one of the best GLOW girls, right? Bet ya didn't know she also has a heart big enough to fill a GLOW ring. It seems that on the way to Los Angeles International Airport to catch a plane back home to Philadelphia, she saw a dog get hit by a car. Most people would have driven on, but not our Susie. She ordered the cab driver to stop while she helped the poor little critter, then told the cabbie to head for the nearest animal hospital.

If I didn't know better I'd be jealous. When casting their new sitcom called *We Got It Made*, NBC selected Susie Spirit, Debbie Debutante, Ninotchka and Hollywood for major roles. Evidently, the script required four GLOW wrestlers—two bad girls and two good ones—to play themselves in at least one episode. Sounds good, guys, but one thing: What about me???? Taping was done in Burbank, California, September 16-22.



Debbie leglocks Hollywood (above), Aunt Kitty gets testy with your editor (right), and the Southern Belles (below) thump some poor GLOW girl.



PHOTO BY LOREN FRANCK

This time the joke's on you, Ninotchka. After a GLOW taping last season, the Russian colonel gave in to temptation and played black jack at the Riviera. And as lady luck would have it, she won—BIG! The payoff amounted to over \$1000. Now, what to do with the moolah. Keep it? That would smell of capitalism. Send it home to Russia? How would she explain the money? A dilemma, that's for sure. Then the colonel had a thought. She would play some more black jack. Surely, she would lose the grand if she played long enough, she told herself. So the second game began, and true to form, the first \$1000 was gone. Trouble is, in its place was \$3000! And she couldn't spend a dime!



SPECIAL REPORT

BY DEBBIE DEBUTANTE

BUFF-N-READY Debbie Debutante

is in Top Shape
and
Raring To Go!

To GLOW fans, I've always been considered a good, clean-cut college girl. And of course there's a good reason for that. When I'm not facing Ninotchka or the GLOW bad girls, I attend Southmore Preparatory School. I want to enter a big college someday!

However, prep school isn't what it used to be. Years ago preppies like me didn't do anything but study our textbooks and dream about the future and what it would be like to have husbands. Okay, I admit,

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I still dream about the future and I sometimes think about getting married.

Now, you probably know that I was a cheerleader in high school and have continued cheerleading throughout prep school. I love cheerleading and I never want to give it up, even when I'm out of school and married with kids. Who knows, maybe I could cheer on my future husband in the sports he plays.

And as you should know, gymnastics and acrobatics are essential to cheerleading. But I also go to a health club and work out. Now don't get the wrong idea. I'm not out to get big and strong. I just want to firm up and be feminine.

Just what do I do to keep in shape? Actually, my program is very simple. One important aspect of my training is aerobics. These are exercises such as running,


PHOTO BY JEFF RILEY

"I want to be buffed to the max and have a body that men can respect!"

swimming, aerobic dance and riding the stationary bike. These exercises build my heart and lung power, thereby giving me all the stamina I need for the ring.

The floor gymnastics I do are some of



The image consists of two overlapping photographs of a woman, Debbie Debutante, in a wrestling ring. The top photograph shows her in a dynamic pose, possibly performing a move, with her body arched and arms extended. The bottom photograph shows her in a similar pose, but with her legs more spread out, suggesting a different move or a continuation of the same action. Both photos are framed with a red border and have a slightly grainy, vintage quality.

Former cheerleader Debbie Debutante is ready and willing for any type of GLOW action (left). And if photos don't lie, Debutante means business as she flies off the turnbuckle (above) and cartwheels over Hollywood (right).



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Being buffed means being a regular in the gym. Debutante covers all facets of training, including gymnastic stretches (top left and right) and easy-does-it jackknife situps (right). When that's done, she might practice a few cheerleading moves (far right).



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A woman with blonde hair, wearing a purple leotard, is captured in a dynamic pose, possibly a backflip or a high jump, against a warm, orange-toned background. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The image is the main visual element of the page, with text boxes overlaid on the right side.

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the best all-around exercises there are. They develop strength, flexibility, timing and coordination. And those are a lot of benefits for one group of exercises. They really tone my body, too, especially my legs, waist and hips.

The weights? I mostly do light moves with machines. However, I make sure I get a total body workout. In other words, I don't limit my workout to any one body part that needs attention. Sometimes, though, I use free weights (barbells and dumbbells) to work those areas I can't get with weight machines.

I usually do some form of exercise every day. For example, I might run or ride my bike one day and weight train the next. Or I may simply stretch one day and do aerobic dance the following day. As a

"Some guys tell me I'm too muscular for a girl. Well, what do you think?"

third alternative, I might do weights, aerobics and gymnastics all on the same day if I feel good. So you can see that my approach to staying in shape is very flexible.

Does being buffed help me in the ring against GLOW's bad girls? You bet! Staying in shape has made me a much better wrestler.

Believe it or not, Southmore has a nice gym where I often work out. It's small, but it has the basic equipment I need to

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prepare for each GLOW season.

Being buffed helps my outlook on life too. In other words, I'm more positive about everything when I train regularly and am in top condition. And when you step into the ring against the likes of Hollywood, Ninotchka or Spanish Red, you need all the help you can get.

Like anyone in GLOW I want to someday wear the GLOW crown, but not at the expense of all the other good things I should be doing. I'm a good girl and try my hardest to do all the right things.

Though I'm not one of the Cheerleaders' tag team anymore, that's not going to stop me from using my influence for good in GLOW. Hollywood worries me most, because she's so sly and devilish. If there's a dirty trick, she knows it. In fact, she probably wrote the book on dirty

"If you don't keep in shape, some of these GLOW girls can murder you!"

tricks. I've seen her pull hair, kick low, sensitive body parts and even slam girls' faces into the turnbuckle.

So, can you see why I need a buffed body? My wrestling skills are at least as good as Ninotchka's, GLOW's chief bad girl. But since I refuse to fight dirty like she does, the Russian colonel has an advantage. The equalizer is my fit, trim body.

Will it help me take care of Hollywood, Ninotchka and their sinister sisters? Just wait. I think that you're going to be pleasantly surprised. ■

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With a healthy body and a healthy attitude, Debutante is ready to make a go of it in GLOW. Though beautiful and sweet, she has the guts to do anything. Watch how she flies on to Ninotchka (left) and flips her across the ring (below).



WINNING MOVES

BY LOREN FRANCK

Ninotchka's Russian CROSS-PIN



There's no way Ebony can escape this Russian cross-pin (top). Notice how Ebony's arms and legs are trapped, which totally leaves her at Ninotchka's mercy. Americana didn't know what hit her when Ninotchka recently nailed her with the Russian cross-pin (right). The upraised arms are the Colonel's way of saying, "Victory is mine!"

"There is no escape from my Russian cross-pin," claims Colonel Ninotchka, GLOW's one and only KGB connection. "When a puny American gets under Ninotchka with this pin, there is no escape. No one has ever escaped."

The hammer-and-sickled colonel says her finishing hold is so effective that there is an American conspiracy to discover how it is applied and how it can be taught to masses of American wrestlers. "You capitalist Americans are always trying to steal trade secrets from Ninotchka," asserts the outspoken colonel. "You puny imperialists forget that Ninotchka has been trained to keep trade secrets like Russian cross-pin. No trick you can devise can outsmart Ninotchka, who will never reveal her secrets."

You have to hand it to the white-haired red, though. Unlike some GLOW wrestlers, who borrow their finishing holds from other wrestlers, the

**Twisting the foot of
her running capitalist
dog opponent,
Ninotchka dreams
of her hero,
Nikolai Lenin.**



Even spicy Susie Spirit has succumbed to Ninotchka's Russian cross-pin. Maybe the Russian told the truth after all: there is no escape. The cigar, upraised hands and sinister look all mean that Susie's been had (inset).

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Ninotchka's Russian CROSS-PIN

Colonel created the Russian cross-pin all by herself. And not only is the move an effective way to win a match, Ninotchka claims it makes her look good. Admittedly, pins aren't usually the most attractive tactics in GLOW action, but that's not true with the Russian cross-pin, says the Colonel. "I love when I win victory to have gorgeous line in my body," she confesses. "Ninotchka must look good. That is most important thing."

If there is no escape for the Russian cross-pin (or so Ninotchka claims), is there a way to prevent it? Surely there must be a strategy to keep GLOW good girls out from under those powerful Russian thighs.

But GLOW'S KGB liaison says no. Once she decides to win a match she simply applies the pin. And from the looks of things, Ninotchka may be right. It seems that every time she plans to execute the Russian cross-pin she succeeds.

Unfortunately, that kind of success the GLOW good girls don't need.

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GLOW PROFILE

BY LOREN FRANCK



Movie stars, glamour girls, big-time entertainment—that's what Hollywood is, right?

Not if you're a GLOW fan. To you, Hollywood—the GLOW wrestler—is the most ruthless street punk to pound the pavement of Tinsletown. And she's made the good girls of GLOW her next targets.

In fact, thousands of GLOW fans are outraged that she's even allowed to participate. Low kicks, eye gouges, chokes, hair pulls and dozens of other dirty tricks are part of the GLOW gospel she's preaching. Can anyone stop her?

One of Hollywood's worst enemies is herself. Though she claims to be better in every way than her GLOW peers, the facts tell quite a different story.

To anyone who knows her, Hollywood has a really bad attitude problem. You can't tell this kid anything. "It's like really rad, man," says her best friend. "She just does her own thing and doesn't let anyone get in the way."

It makes you wonder why the sassy street punk even became a GLOW girl. Not a bad question, but there's an even better answer: This chick wants cold, hard cash. "Terrorizing the little wimps of GLOW beats working," Hollywood says.

Who's number one in Tinseltown? "I am," claims the tall brunette. "Hey, I'm tough, who's gonna argue with me? I challenge any GLOW pig, or any of you wimpy fans to take me on. I dare ya!"

"There ain't nothin' gonna stop me from getting what I want," Hollywood

her. For instance, get what Hollywood says about the giant Mountain Fiji, who's as good and lovable as they come. "Fiji is nothing but a no-talent blimp. All she does is throw her weight around—and believe me, she has plenty of it. But who's a better wrestler? Me! Who's a better all-around fighter? Me! And who knows the death-defying ways of the streets better than anyone else? Me! I'm bad news for bozos like Mountain Fiji."

And Hollywood detests Susie Spirit. She can't even take her seriously. "Don't give me any jive about Susie Spirit," the street punk snarls. "If you ask me, Susie Spirit is another Snow White—yeah, she's the Snow White of GLOW."

"Everything's so nice and right with her. She's disgusting! Let me take her over to

NO HOORAYS FOR THIS

HOLLYWOOD

adds. "Let's get two things straight. The city of Hollywood is mine. I own it. People here do what I say and they know their place."

Now the second thing. I want that GLOW crown. That, too, is mine, and it's just a matter of time before I take it. Forget the G-L-O-W that's written on the front of it. From now on it's going to read H-O-L-L-Y-W-O-O-D!"

A big head? She's convinced that GLOW's "good" girls are easy prey for

the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Western Avenue and I'll show her what innocence and virtue are."

Is Hollywood the next movie idol? Don't laugh—yet. On a recent trip to Mann's Chinese Theater (formerly Grauman's) she placed her hands and feet in the cement imprints made by Bette Davis and boasted, "See, Bette Davis and I are the same. There's only one difference. I'm a better actress." The same thing happened when Hollywood matched her



"They put that sign up there for me!" brags Hollywood (opposite). But Hollywood police claim the only sign she has inspired is the one they've erected at headquarters (above), to keep her at bay.

'Don't give me any jive about Susie Spirit...'

Susie Spirit is another Snow White—yeah, she's the Snow White of GLOW.'



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At Mann's Chinese Theater (above), Hollywood discovers that her own hands are bigger than "that Marilyn Monroe broad's! I could've whipped her easy in the ring!" she brags. "I'd stuff her in my old locker (far right)!"

hands and feet with sex goddess Marilyn Monroe, except for one minor twist: Hollywood shouted to her onlookers, "Marilyn, I love you. We're *exactly* alike."

Because of her rabid boasting and disrespect for GLOW's good-girl wrestlers, Hollywood has won few fans who stand for what's right. In fact, one group of parents is trying to have her banned from GLOW altogether. The reason? That's obvious. Hollywood, with her dastardly chokes, beer throwing and other snake-belly tactics, is beneath the dignity of GLOW, these concerned adults say, claiming she belongs in a back alley, not a

wrestling ring.

However, GLOW officials have granted the cocky reprobate one more chance. They feel the best way to put Hollywood in her place is to let her face the likes of Susie Spirit, Mountain Fiji and Tara the Southern Belle. "Justice is the best medicine for nasty girls like Hollywood," Susie says. "She hasn't been very nice to the girls in the ring."

"Hey," Hollywood snaps, "if people want me to become little Goody Two Shoes, they better think again. I grew up in the meanest, toughest streets of Hollywood. I learned all the tricks, and

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*'I want that
GLOW
crown.*

*That, too, is
mine, and it's
just a matter
of time
before
I claim it!'*



GLOW's street punk makes big money throwing opponents around the ring (above right); hence, the fancy Cadillac El Dorado (top). And on Hollywood Blvd., the reprobate writes her name on the Walk of Fame saying, "This star's mine!" (far right).

I'm not going to let little wimps like Susie Spirit, Debbie Debutante and their fairy friends tell me how to wrestle or how to live. I'm the sexiest, meanest and best wrestler GLOW has.

"And I'll tell you another thing. I've almost got the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce convinced to put a giant photo of me next to the big white Holly-

wood sign that sits in the hills above L.A. After all, when you're the best, you deserve the most recognition. And Hollywood is my town, isn't it?

"Yeah, with my picture by that sign, people could think of me every day, and they could think about how great I am. Wow, all of the world's problems could be solved just by thinking of me!" ■

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*Comrades, you
Have Nothing To
Lose But Your
Brains!"*



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

BY JANE HALLANDER



**Ninotchka's
Idea Of
Glasnost Is
Opening Up Her
Opponents'
Heads!**



PHOTO BY JEFF RILEY

***"Whipping
you soft
American
swine is as
easy as
KGB!"***

Look out, James Bond! Ninotchka is the hottest, most explosive Russian item since Chernobyl.

She thinks American women are stupid and that American men are nothing but groveling little wimps. Ninotchka claims her wrestling is "scientific," while others' techniques are sloppy.

Now, if you could sit down with the white-haired Russian sex symbol and reputed KGB agent, what would you ask her? What secrets would you want to know? Remember, you could ask anything you want.

Well, that's exactly what GLOW magazine did. We flew ace writer Jane Hallander to interview Ninotchka at the Russian's secluded mountain chalet located high in America's Catskill Mountains.

You're about to read Ninotchka at her best. Whether or not her words are absolute truth—we'll let you decide.



***Inspired by visions
of Karl Marx on May
Day, Ninotchka puts
Susie Spirit into a
Full Nelsonski—
named, she claims,
after a Russian
wrestler!***

NINOTCHKA, YOU DEVIL!

GLOW: What is your background?

NINOTCHKA: My name is Colonel Ninotchka. I come from Kiev and have two older brothers in Russia. More I cannot tell, because it is very classified information.

GLOW: Is that because you're a KGB agent?

NINOTCHKA: Of course the inference is there, but I cannot talk about those things.

GLOW: How did you get into wrestling?

NINOTCHKA: My older brothers, they teach me. Ninotchka can be very strong. Our parents died when I was very young, so my brothers teach me, Ninotchka, how to survive. My life was very difficult. We Russians are not pampered like you lazy Americans here.

GLOW: Why do you hate Americans?

NINOTCHKA: I do not hate Americans. Actually, I feel sorry for them because they are so puny and ignorant. You see, I come to America mostly to prove and to show the American people the superiority of the Russians.

GLOW: Is that what you do when you get into a ring with an American?

NINOTCHKA: Well, obviously. If you watch a show you can see within three seconds that is what I do to them because they are puny, these Americans. They must be shown who is superior.

GLOW: What is your background?

NINOTCHKA: I am a very calculating wrestler. I am very technical. I concentrate. I am not busy worrying how good I look, like Tara The Southern Belle. I go into the ring and I wrestle, and I always win for this reason—always.

GLOW: Did you have any special conditioning in Russia for wrestling?

NINOTCHKA: No! These are American tactics. The American people are so plastic they will use anything. I wrestle with my head, my mind and my body.

GLOW: Talking about your heart, mind and body, why don't you describe the way you see yourself—physically and mentally.

NINOTCHKA: Obviously I am the best at everything. I am, of course, the most beautiful wrestler there has ever been and I'm the most superior, which is why I am undefeated.

When U.S. Marine sergeant Clayton Lonetree was convicted last August of espionage and was sentenced to 30 years in prison, most people thought the full story had been told.

From the looks of it, Lonetree's case was pretty simple. After qualifying for embassy duty, one of the Corps' most prestigious assignments, Lonetree received orders to report to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

But the KGB, that sneaky Soviet spy organization, eventually set a trap for the young Marine. The Plan? Have a nice-looking woman agent work at the embassy and try

to get secrets from Lonetree. Did the plan work? With her beauty and a little cash, Lonetree sold out perfectly.

And now, GLOW magazine has discovered that Ninotchka may have helped engineer Lonetree's downfall. Worse yet, she is probably active in other Soviet covert operations too. GLOW magazine now has solid evidence that the fair-skinned colonel was in Moscow shortly before Lonetree fell and may have even posed as a Soviet civilian worker to enter the embassy where Lonetree was stationed.

Naturally, the Russian heir apparent to the GLOW

GLOW: What are your wrestling goals?

NINOTCHKA: My goal in wrestling, as it has always been, is to prove beyond doubt the superiority of Russian wrestlers over the puny capitalists of America.

GLOW: Don't you ever lose a match?

NINOTCHKA: Of course not! I never lose a fight. I am the champion. I am always the champion—unless, of course, someone cheats.

GLOW: Do you think the Americans cheat?

NINOTCHKA: Of course they cheat! Look at your government. It always cheats. What a stupid question!

GLOW: I suppose Russians never cheat?

NINOTCHKA: Of course not! I have too much dignity and class.

GLOW: Ever think about wrestling with men?

NINOTCHKA: How could you possibly wrestle with a man? The only way I wrestle with a man is when we go out to dinner. I have to wrestle the American men all the time because American men absolutely love Ninotchka. I cannot go anywhere without five or six men asking me for a date.

GLOW: Why?

NINOTCHKA: Because the American women, they do not know how to be women. Besides being the strongest wrestler, I am also a woman! The American women are disgusting, actually. They are bimbos!

American people, especially the men, they love Ninotchka. They say they hate me, but I get so much fan mail. I am showing the Americans that the Russians are superior. I am perfect example of this.

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"Girls think I am nuclear bomb—I make their hair fall out!"

crown denies being involved. In fact, all she would say was, "You capitalist swine, Ninotchka had no part in this. If Ninotchka did, no one would have been caught and we Russians would still be stealing the highest level secrets from you Americans."

Lonetree, who was recently dishonorably discharged from the Marine Corps, has not implicated Ninotchka in the incident—yet! Up until now the super-sly Colonel has avoided incrimination. Not surprisingly, when Nin-

otchka learned of Lonetree's harsh sentence, she showed no sympathy whatsoever.

Was Ninotchka one of the axes that severed Lonetree's roots? That's hard to say. But she isn't beyond suspicion, and some authorities may be getting wise. With all of her trips to Moscow and her top-secret meetings with Soviet dignitaries, Ninotchka may not be the little Russian angel she portrays. In fact, knowing the colonel, the more spotless she acts, the less innocent she is. ■

GLOW: What do American women do wrong?

NINOTCHKA: They are so ridiculous. They have no backbone. They are either pretty and stupid or they are ugly and stupid. They do not know how to handle a man. You see, a man likes to be dominated by a woman. This is proven fact. But, a woman still has to be intelligent and she has to be sexy. I am the best of all three.

The only American woman I can think of who comes close to Ninotchka is Alexis Carrington (Joan Collins) from *Dynasty*. She is a very clever woman, a very strong woman, and very beautiful. Of course, she is not as terrific as Colonel Ninotchka.

GLOW: So, would you like to have a famous divorce, like Collins did?

NINOTCHKA: Darling, I do not think I would ever get married. I like the American men, but I do not think there is anyone completely worthy of Ninotchka. You know, I come here actually to educate the American men, to show them what a real woman is like. So, I have too much work to do to think of marriage.

GLOW: Do you just go from man to man, educating them?

NINOTCHKA: It is a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

GLOW: Is it difficult to educate them?

NINOTCHKA: Let me tell you, these puppy dogs, they follow me wherever I go. But I am in complete control. Within two or three seconds they will do whatever I tell them.

GLOW: What do you think of American men?

NINOTCHKA: American men, after through with them, are never the same. Thank God, they are much better. But they are very nice and, of course, they adore me.

GLOW: Who wins the dinner wrestling matches?

NINOTCHKA: Of course I always win! Ninotchka always gets

her way. Don't be fooled. What I want I get, because I go for it and I take it!

GLOW: Is it true that the other GLOW women are jealous of you?

NINOTCHKA: They are jealous, and I cannot blame them because they will never be in the same class as Ninotchka. For this, I feel sorry for them.

GLOW: Do they try to cheat or hurt you?

NINOTCHKA: Of course, they try to cheat and they try to hurt, but darling, I am indestructible.

GLOW: What do you do when one of these jealous wrestlers decides to take revenge?

NINOTCHKA: I am a scientific wrestler. I am always prepared. My mind is so quick. I am prepared for anything. There is no situation that has ever come up that I am not prepared to handle.

GLOW: Now, since you say you're a scientific wrestler, what kind of wrestlers are your opponents?

NINOTCHKA: Horrible ones! They are sloppy! They are so worried about how they look and if their fans are cheering for them. You see, Ninotchka knows she is gorgeous. I do not have to worry every second if my hair is in place, or if I look good. I do not have to worry about the fans. I know they are all my fans. So I am not concentrating on these things. I concentrate on my wrestling.

GLOW: What happens if you ever lose? Will your ego be able to handle it?

NINOTCHKA: Ego! I do not have ego! I just tell you the truth, the absolute truth. I do not think that day will ever come. I am in a class all by myself!

GLOW: Do you have any friends in GLOW?

NINOTCHKA: No, I have too much taste for them. My friends in America are usually in high places. They're government officials, bankers and lawyers—I especially like lawyers—some more than others. I do not hang out with wrestlers. They are too low-class for me.

GLOW: Then, why do you even bother wrestling?

NINOTCHKA: Because I have so much class. It does not matter what I do. I do it with class and dignity. My fans, they love me. Of course, they hate themselves for it, but what do I care? They feel so much guilt because they are in love with this Russian. But you know, they cannot help themselves. I am so wonderful! ■

"I am good Commie, I redistribute the pain!"

*Grabbing Southern
Belle, Ninelchka
dreams of Soviet
troops marching
through Georgia!*





**'Give Me Your
BEST AMERICAN!'**

**COLONEL
NINOTCHKA
AND
TARA THE
SOUTHERN BELLE**





BAD GIRLS BEWARE



Mountain

Fiji

is About
to Erupt



SPECIAL REPORT

BY TOMMY CAMPBELL

She is, quite literally, a mountain of a woman. Kids love her. Their parents love her. Her fans rousinglly adore every ounce of the 350 pounds that Mountain Fiji packs on her 5'8" frame.

When you see Fiji, you know this strong Polynesian princess is one tough customer. But though she is tough on the bad girls of GLOW, Fiji is gentle to her friends and loved ones. Her thousands of fans will tell you: Mountain Fiji is everything that goodness and strength can be.

Hailing from American Samoa, Mountain Fiji was named after her maternal great-grandfather. His name was Mauga, which translates as "mountain" in English, and certainly his legacy has not been lost on his great-granddaughter.

Mountain Fiji came to GLOW from a large Samoan family which included two brothers and four sisters. Always athletic and strong for her age, she represented the United States national team in the shot put for many years. An all-American from 1972 to 1980, she traveled all over the world competing for the U.S. She was fifth in the Olympic trials in 1976 and seventh in 1980.

Her fans are amazed at the feats of athletic prowess she shows in the ring. When the GLOW spectators at the Las Vegas Riviera see her lift 145-pound attache high over her head, or body slam the 6'4", 285-pound Matilda the Hun, there's no mistaking the power in that body. Fiji is one intimidating wrestler!

While weight training in her garage (where she does most of her daily training to avoid getting swamped by well-wishers at the gym), Fiji regularly bench presses 250 pounds, half-squats 600 pounds and full squats 425 pounds. This is the power she brings with her when she faces GLOW's bad girls.

With her strong athletic base and kind temperament, Fiji has become the unofficial earth mother of GLOW. Says she, "I love more than anything to bring happiness into the world, and if it's possible, I do my best to help those around me." Fiji's voice rang with sincerity as she added, "Whatever strength I have comes from God," she told me, "and I consider it my job to protect those who may be weak for the moment."

In the GLOW shows, you typically see



**"I'm the only
wrestler
big enough
to fit into
two time
zones!"**

***"I almost broke
Ninotchka's
head when she
said I had to
wear a girdle
just to fit into
my kimono!"***



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Ah, maybe there is someone who can stop the dreaded Ninotchka—Mountain Fiji (left). She has the strength, the skills and the experience to do it, and thousands of Fiji's fans hope she does. You want to know how strong Fiji is? Watch her toss Attache through the air like nothing (above and below).

Fiji climb into the ring to help one of the good girls who's being unfairly treated. "Maybe I've become a little like Mother Courage to the other girls," Fiji reflects. "They look to me for advice and strength and I won't let them down."

When Mountain Fiji adds her amazing body power and character strength to the equation, good usually wins over bad. If you watched last season's action, you might see Little Fiji being roughly beaten by Matilda the Hun. Into the ring Mountain Fiji will go to the rescue.

"Some of the bad girls will do anything to win," Fiji further states, "and often they'll go overboard and get too violent. There are times when they show no respect for anyone—even to the point of spitting at the spectators and hurting other competitors. That's going too far."

Even when angered by GLOW's bad girls, Mountain Fiji retains her perspective. "I always remind myself that there's good and bad in all of us," she says.



"There are just some people that allow their bad sides to take over."

In those few moments of spare time when she isn't training or taping a GLOW show, Fiji likes to write poetry and speak to kids' groups. A powerful anti-drug role model, she tries to build self-confidence in her young listeners by showing them all the dimensions that a human being is capable of.

The kids really listen to me," Fiji confides. "I think it must be a part of the



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power of television. They watch me on their TV sets at home and when they see me slam-dunk someone they're impressed by the power. They can see my physical strength, so when I talk to them about the importance of mental strength, they buy it.

"I tell the kids over and over again, 'I get high on life—I don't need drugs and neither do you.' People sometimes insist that I take steroids or have in the past, but this isn't true. I have never taken drugs. Some people accuse me being 'Miss Goodie-Two-Shoes,' but I don't even drink. I feel a responsibility toward these kids. It has a good impact when they see that I don't drink or take drugs. Besides, I find my pleasure in other things."

At an Athletes for Kids benefit recently, Mountain Fiji found herself going head-to-head in an eating contest with L.A. Raiders' linebacker Reggie McKenzie. When the five-minute time period was up, the judge announced that Fiji ate



27 ribs. She was amazed. She won a friendly bet and beat Reggie. Fiji made a good bit of money that day for the charity. There's very little she wouldn't do for kids.

Though an attractive woman with lots of thick brown hair and engaging dimples, people are often intimidated by her sheer size. "Sometimes when I go into a store or restaurant I can tell that people recognize me but are a little afraid to come right up to me. But I smile and everything changes once we start talking



The giant, immovable Mountain Fiji always tries to use strength and size to her advantage (above and below). She just wants to get the match over with. Against Ninotchka, however, she likes to have a little fun when she gets the colonel in a tight spot (right).



***"How dare
you tell me
I've got more
chins than the
Hong Kong
telephone
directory!"***



**"I'm
only one of
5,000,000
bountiful
women! Of
course,
those are
round
figures!"**



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Mountain Fiji's sheer size intimidates many opponents. Ninotchka, who is a big, strong woman in her own right, looks undernourished when caught in this full nelson by Fiji (left). The Samoan queen combines toughness, skill and personality as she continues her ongoing battle against GLOW's bad girls (below and right).



and they realize I'm just like they are."

Yes, Mountain Fiji is quite the celebrity these days. GLOW is being seen on more and more stations and cable networks, and the live show in Las Vegas has now grown beyond its beginnings and will be moving to an arena to accommodate more fans. As GLOW grows, so does Mountain Fiji's popularity.

Walking into a local Jack in the Box with her cements this in your mind. It's hard to keep a low profile if you're walking in the door with Fiji. Kids and their parents both recognize their TV heroine and, after a few moments of hesitation, come on up to say hello. All the attention seems to make her day. She can't wait to start the 80-city GLOW tour.

"I think what brings out the fans to GLOW," she says, "is that they see more than one dimension to us. We don't just come out there and wrestle. We also sing, dance, rap and dream. I tell them of my fantasy about being Mae West, for ex-



ample, and they identify with that. We all have many sides and the fans get to see most of them."

"These matches are exciting, for us as well as the audience. Under the glare of the TV lights and with the roaring of the crowds, we're all pushed to try our very best to win. Your adrenaline gets pumping and you really get caught up in the moment.

"This is the most fun I've ever had. I'm 29 and feeling fine!" ■

FUN 'N' GAMES

It's GLOW

Trivia Time

Are you up on your GLOW trivia? A lot's happened since the first show last fall, both in- and outside of the ring. You say you know each GLOW character and what she's like? We'll see.

Here's a little quiz. It's multiple choice too, which makes it easier. I searched long and hard to come up with the facts and anecdotes that would challenge your brain's trivia center, and I think I've succeeded.

Ready? Here goes.

Susie Spirit in her rock-video portion of the GLOW TV show.

Her polished, smooth moves and almost godly innocence make her one of the most popular GLOW girls. In fact, she's raking in over 5,000 fan letters a week!

3 One night, after getting off a bus, an old lady asked Hollywood for directions. When Hollywood tried to smart-mouth her, what happened?

- A. The old lady yelled back?
- B. The old lady beat her up.
- C. Hollywood felt sorry and gave the old lady \$5.00.
- D. The old lady said, "You don't scare me!" which made Hollywood run away.

1 While in college this GLOW girl was voted most likely to succeed in her chosen profession.

- A. Susie Spirit
- B. Mountain Fiji
- C. Debbie Debutante
- D. Spanish Red

2 This GLOW star was a champion shot putter before turning to GLOW wrestling.

- A. Ninotchka
- B. Mountain Fiji
- C. Debbie Debutante
- D. Jungle Woman



4 In the battle between Ninotchka and Americana for the GLOW crown, who finally walked off with the headpiece?

- A. Americana
- B. Ninotchka
- C. The referee
- D. None of the above

5 Who is noted for her scissor-holds and other backyard tactics?

- A. Little Fiji
- B. Spanish Red
- C. Ashley



Jackie Stallone—that's right, Sly's mom—cheers on her good girls (above), while Fiji takes a rap in the kissers from now-retired Matilda the Hun (left).



6 What's the most that has been won by a GLOW wrestler in a single non-televvised match?

- A. \$10,000
- B. \$25,000
- C. \$100,000
- D. \$150,000

7 This GLOW girl once wrestled a male collegiate grappler—and beat him!

- A. The Royal Hawaiian
- B. Tara the Southern Belle
- C. Ebony
- D. One of the Housewives

Trivia Time



8 Which GLOW girl once had a beard and was frequently mistaken for Ivan the wonder dog?

- A. Hollywood
- B. Ninotchka
- C. "Legs" McGee
- D. Aunt Kitty

9 While Ninotchka was growing up in Kiev, Russia, who did she wrestle as part of her training?

- A. Stalin's grandson
- B. Polar bears
- C. Wild Russian alligators
- D. The movie star Vodkan Tonic

10 Which GLOW wrestler once said, "Win if you can, lose if you must, but always cheat."

- A. Susie Spirit
- B. Ninotchka
- C. Hollywood
- D. Chainsaw

11 This former GLOW wrestler is widely known for kicking her opponents in the groin and smashing them on the back of the head.

- A. Attache
- B. Corporal Kelly
- C. Little Egypt
- D. Vine



Scarlet (left) and Tara, the Southern Belles, are two GLOW good girls who stir up tons of excitement (top). On the other hand, Hollywood is notorious for her rough-house tactics in the ring, such as chokes and grabs (right).



Despite the rough-and-tumble action of Tammy Jones (left) and Spanish Red, GLOW isn't all lumps and bumps (above). GLOW preppie Debbie Debutante shows the glamorous side too (right).



12 GLOW is videotaped at what famous Las Vegas hotel and casino?

- A. The Riviera
- B. Caesar's Palace
- C. The North Vegas Motel
- D. The Deserted Inn

13 If Americana was the patriot of GLOW, who are its high-fashion girls?

- A. Ninotchka and Hollywood
- B. Penny and Paula
- C. Tina and Ashley
- D. Tara and Susie

14 Jungle Woman is from

- A. The beaches of Normandy
- B. The Amazon of Brazil
- C. The Asphalt Jungle
- D. The Amazon of Argentina

1:A, 2:B, 3:B, 4:D, 5:B, 6:D, 7:C, 8:B, 9:D, 10:D, 11:A 12:A, 13:C, 14:B.

Answers

UPCOMING EVENTS

BY LOREN FRANCK



PHOTO BY JEFF RILEY

Spectacular GLOW Tour! GLOW Girls Are Headin' Your Way

Mountain
Fiji is
joined by
Tara the
Southern
Belle (left)
and Debbie
Debutante
(right) as
they
celebrate
the
upcoming
80-cities
GLOW tour.

Here's the tour that beats 'em all. Starting January 7, 1988, the GLOW girls are going to strut their stuff in 80 cities across the U.S. in the most sensational wrestling extravaganza ever.

According to the Independent Network, Inc. (INI), which distributes and syndicates GLOW, the tour will travel all over the United States and cover most of the areas where the television show airs each week.

Which cities will be included? Sy Samuels says last-minute arrangements are still being made, so at press time it was difficult to specify each locale. However, INI has reassured GLOW fans that the tour will cover "every major U.S. city."

You know what this means, don't you? You'll be able to see all of your favorite GLOW girls in person, right in or near your hometown. In our next issue, we'll publish a complete tour schedule.

Address serious inquiries about the tour to Mr. Sy Samuels, President, GLOW Touring Inc., 11150 Olympic Boulevard, Penthouse, West Los Angeles, CA 90064, (213) 479-6755.

No, you won't want to miss this fabulous GLOW tour. It's the chance of a lifetime to see the GLOW girls in person, the girls who revolutionized TV entertainment and professional wrestling.

SPECIAL FEATURE

BY BEAU GENTREE

TARA

Belle Of The Brawl

**This Daughter Of The South
Will Rise Again And Shut
Your Cottonpickin' Mouth!**

Nobody knows Tara the Southern Belle like I do.

You see, I was Tara's steady boyfriend for three and a half years and spent many romantic evenings with her at the family's breathtaking plantation in Savannah, Georgia. You wonder how such a well-mannered Southern

lady like Tara can become such a terror in the ring?

Raised on nothing but the best plantations of Georgia, Tara was pampered all her life. In fact, she had everything while growing up—whether the most prized pony or the sleekest sports car. However, with prized possessions and pampering came the best manners. That's why the Tara we know and love is such a sophisticated lady. For her, everything must be done in the best way possible.

She doesn't tolerate harsh words or anger. So, now the big question: Why did this pampered, sophisticated lady get into GLOW? Why did she take a chance on getting flattened by the toughest women to ever enter a wrestling ring?

Remember, Tara was pampered all her life. When she



PHOTO BY DOUG HYUN





The lovely Tara learned her wrestling secrets on the family's plantations in Savannah, Georgia. She recently battled Hollywood and eventually won the bout in two out of three falls. Tara hardly had a moment of peace. Don't let that fool you, though. She's one tough tigress.



learned how to ride horses, she not only had private instructors but she had the best in the entire South. The same was true for her piano lessons. No ordinary teacher would do. Instead, she had Yuri Rachmaninoff, one of the greatest pianists in the world. So spoiled was the fair Tara that her parents flew him in from Europe twice a week.

But, there came a point when Tara had enough. She wanted to start being on her own. And GLOW provided the perfect opportunity for her. She could be financially independent while facing the biggest physical and mental challenge of her life: GLOW wrestling. Plus, GLOW gave her the opportunity to travel, a pastime she's enjoyed since childhood.

What really bothers Tara, though, is that the GLOW "bad girls" don't follow the lead of their well-mannered sisters. "I just can't understand it," Tara sighs in her big Southern drawl. "So many of my opponents don't fight fair. Why, they hardly act like ladies at all, but behave like the hired hands of our main plantation. Now why don't these ladies fight by the rules?"

I think Tara knows the answer to that. She and I are still good friends, and she says many of the bad girls lose because they don't have proper manners in the ring. And sometimes Tara can get a little spicy in what she says about GLOW's bad girls. I remember her say-



Tara can sure be a terror in the ring (above and below left). The reason? She loves to stay in shape with regular weight training (right and far right).

'So many of my opponents don't fight fair. Why, they hardly act like ladies at all, but behave like the hired hands on our main plantation.'



TARA



Photo by Loren Franck



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TARA



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belle don't
agree
with their
name.
(Southern
women often
put the
vapors when
they see a
good-looking
guy.



ing in one interview, "Corporal Kelly, woof, woof, beastly critter. She just beats out her frustrations in the ring because she can't get a man. But I can get any man I want because I know how to treat men right."

Southern belles aren't aggressive with their men. They often get the vapors and lose their breath when they see a good-looking guy. I've seen Tara out of breath for six or seven hours when she's with me. She really gets excited.

But Tara can get excited in the ring too. Just call her ladylike and she'll turn into a keg of dynamite. I'll never forget one match Tara and her former partner Scarlet had with Matilda the Hun. Matilda started abusing Tara with punches and kicks until Tara couldn't take it anymore.

Boy, did she clean house. Tara beat her over the back and neck, knee-kicked her in the stomach, and even kicked her. At that moment, Tara was as tough as any GLOW wrestler who ever stepped into the ring. Yet she never lost her ladylike manner.

Not every GLOW girl can maintain her charm and good manners while trying to pin a mad woman. But Tara the Southern Belle can. That's what makes her such a terrific lady. And that's why I take her very seriously when she talks about eventually capturing the GLOW crown. Where others leave off, Tara just begins. ■



"When Tara's not gossiping with the girls back home on the phone (left), she's reading books on etiquette (lower left). These quiet moments prepare her for the brutal matches that demand unladylike behavior (above, below).



ONE-ON-ONE

COMPILED BY BEVERLY THOMAS

"One-on-One" allows you to correspond directly with your favorite GLOW wrestlers. In each issue, we'll print the best fan letters we receive—plus the actual responses of the stars they're addressed to. Think of it, it's just you and your favorite GLOW girl, the best one-on-one there could ever be.

Dear Aunt Kitty,
I admire the formidable team of wrestlers you've assembled. I know a lot of viewers disapprove of the tactics of some of your wrestlers, but despite their toughness, they display a lot of good techniques. I think they just represent real life. You can't be nice and survive in this world. You've got to get the next guy first before he gets you.

What are your criteria for wrestlers? My sister will be paroled from Los Angeles' Sybil Brand Institute (a jail) in a few months, and she would like to try out for a spot on your team. Do you think she has a chance? She's tough and has learned to survive.

Bob Cimion
San Pedro, CA

Dear Bob,

All of my girls are survivors. I teach them to do whatever is necessary to win. That's why they don't always follow the rules. Following the rules doesn't always make you a winner. So what do I look for in a new wrestler? I look for beauty, aggressiveness, and strength. But nobody can push my girls around. They know

how to take care of themselves. I don't need any softies. Being sweet won't help you to succeed in this world.

If your sister is capable of mindless violence and can dish out indiscriminate pain, she might have a chance on my team. Contact me in care of **GLOW** magazine and we'll talk further.

AUNT KITTY



Aunt Kitty (far left) manages GLOW's bad girls and takes a tough, survivor approach to her profession. Even though Ninotchka chokes Ebony (left), the former model fights back by flipping the colonel with her legs (below left).



Dear Ebony,
I think you are the most beautiful GLOW wrestler there ever was. I can't believe you are really a wrestler. Why didn't you keep on modeling rather than entering into such a violent sport. I'd hate to see you messed up by such crazies as Ninotchka.

Tommy Lyons
East St. Louis, MO

Dear Tommy,

Thanks for your compliments, but don't be concerned about my safety. I can take care of myself. I can be tougher and meaner than any of the bad girls. I don't take any crap from them because I can sure dish out a whuppin'! I train regularly on both the mat and with weights. So even if I look delicate, I'm no lightweight. Don't worry, I'll keep the sickies like Spike and Chainsaw and the maladjusted Hollywood and Vine in line.

EBONY

SPANISH RED

Dear Spanish Red,
I watch GLOW all the time. I am 10 years old and you are one of my favorites. I want very much to be like you when I am older but my mother does not like this because she says you are a bad American. You fight too much and you fight dirty. Is my mother right? Should I be more like Susie Spirit and Americana?

Teresa Maldonado
Escondido, CA

Dear Teresa,

I too am a very good American, just like Americana and Susie Spirit. Because I am also from Latin America, people like to put me down and this makes me very angry. It is not fair! But putting me down does not work because I can beat those goody two-shoes even if I speak with an accent and don't carry a lot of cash. I do what good Americans have always done. I fight and work hard, I do my very best always, and I win. What's so un-American about that? Tell your mother to mind her own stupid business.

When Spanish Red battled Olympia recently, the musclewoman pinned her with ease (left). But to get the jump on Mt. Fuji, Red had to cheat and bite the Samoan queen's hand (inset).





NINOTCHKA



Dear Colonel Ninotchka,
I watch you talk bad about
American wrestlers during the
matches and yes, you beat
them. But I really pity you.
Why? Because while you might
win, you are not a real,
feminine woman. You are a
Russian robot. Maybe you're
really a man! Too bad you're
not soft and feminine like the
good ol' American girls. They
can be scrappy without being
masculine.


Billy Ray Mattson
Lubbock, TX

Dear Billy Ray,

You pity me? Hah! You poor
misled American capitalist! Like
all inferior American male
wimps, you think that women
must be weak to be womanly.
Rubbish! Russian men are
superior in every way to
American men. They do not
need women to be weak to
feel strong. Russian women
can be strong, smart and free.

That is why Ninotchka beats
the American wrestlers. Silly
Imperialist American boys like
you make the American
women weak—and they lose.
You make them lose before
they even get in the ring.
Incidentally, you Imperialist
swine, I am a woman—too
much of a woman for
American weakling worms.

JUNGLE WOMAN



Dear Jungle Woman,
I really love Nature Boy.
What a hunk! I have longed
for the day when you either:
(a) get so beat up you'll have
no more need for something
as delicious as Nature Boy, or
(b) you just get tired of him
and give him up.

A couple of weeks ago I was
watching GLOW, fantasizing
about what I would do to
Nature Boy if I ever got a
chance at him. And then to
my surprise Tina Ferrari walked
away with Nature Boy and you
couldn't do anything about it!
What are you going to do to
get him back? Are you going
to let Tina get away with
stealing your Boy Toy? Maybe I
should address this letter to
Tina. Tina, can I borrow Nature
Boy for a weekend? How about
just for a couple of hours? I'll
return him to you, I promise!

Shari Singer
Babylon, NY

Dear Shari,

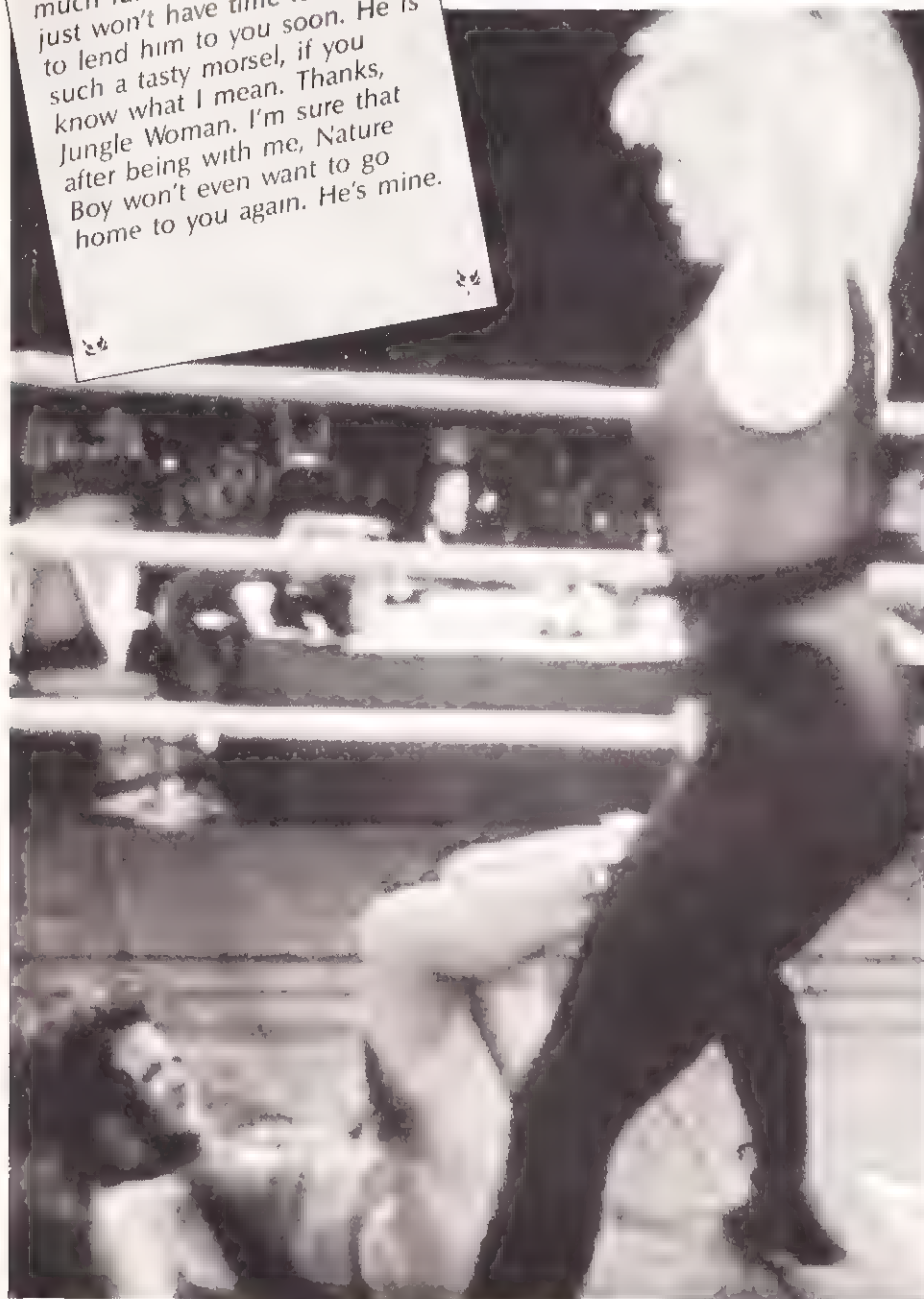
Arrghh! I want my Nature
Boy back!! NOW!!! GRRRRRR!!!
Nobody defiles my Nature Boy
and lives to get away with it.
He's mine and I will stop at
nothing to get my property
back. I'll bite, scratch, claw my
way back to my Nature Boy.
And don't you dare even think
about going near him or else!
(Ed. note: This is a family
magazine, folks, so for the
sake of decency we will not
print the remainder of Jungle
Woman's grisly, violent
response. However, we have
given Shari's letter to Tina
Ferrari, whose answer follows.)

Not so fast, Ninotchka!
Wearing the GLOW crown (far
left) doesn't even make you
queen for a day. Wild and
woolly Jungle Woman—without
Nature Boy—prepares to leap
on Olympia (left).

TINA

Tina, how could you? But a low double kick might be the only way to handle Ninotchka (below). Yet that kick may have cost Tina a devastating suplex (right). In the end, though, Tina rowed away at the colonel's back (far right).

Dear Shari,
I'm sorry, but I'm having so much fun with Nature Boy I just won't have time left over to lend him to you soon. He is such a tasty morsel, if you know what I mean. Thanks, Jungle Woman. I'm sure that after being with me, Nature Boy won't even want to go home to you again. He's mine.



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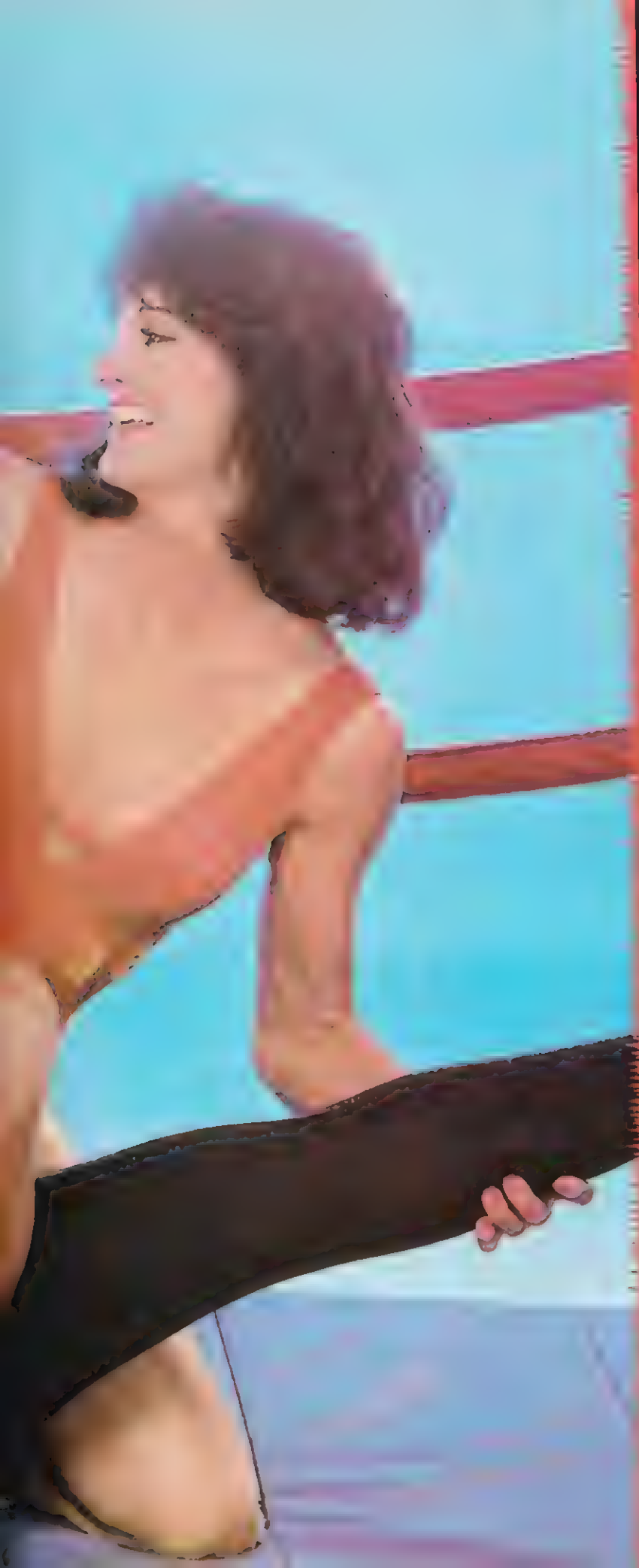




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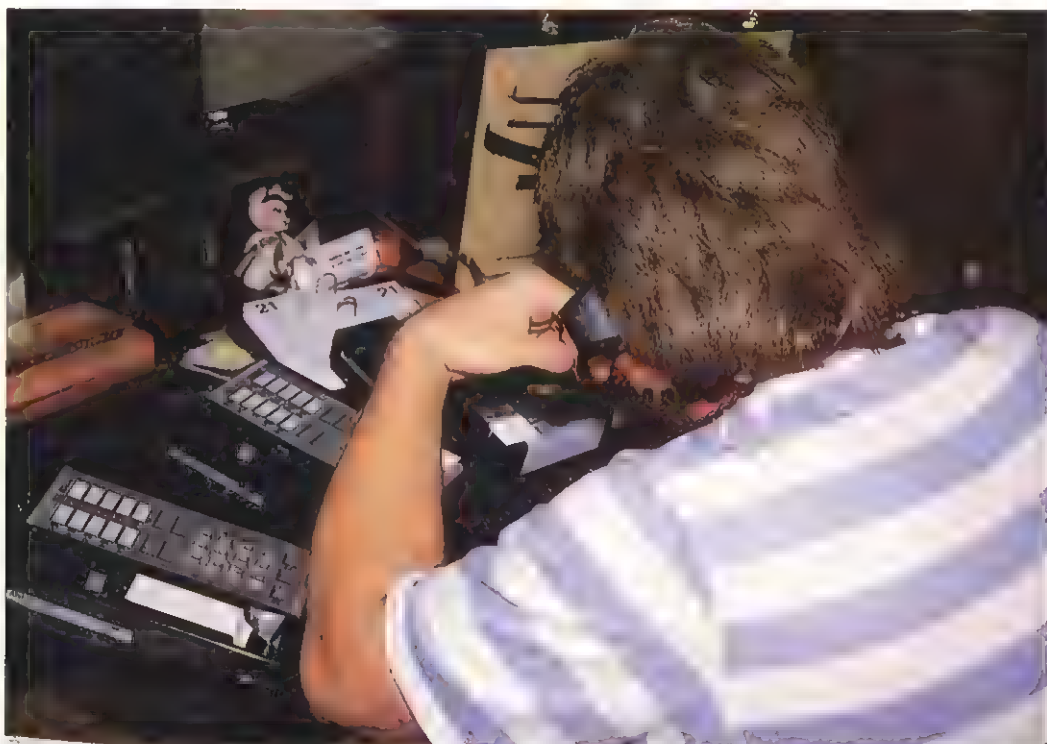
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You can't
duck us any
longer! Okay,
you're a
busy
Hollywood
director, but
we gotcha!
Now readers
will know
the truth.



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“YOU WANNA BE A GLOW GIRL? HERE’S HOW!”

GLOW Creator/Producer/Director Matt Cimber
Tells You What You Didn't Know About
His Blockbusting Show



GLOW excitement is sweeping the nation. "The Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling" syndicated series is beginning its second season on the air, and the overwhelming, favorable response it's received almost certainly guarantees a healthy future.

What's going on? What's GLOW all about? What's making young women all over the world join this elite corps of women athletes? Why are they risking injury to pursue a career that would intimidate most men?

The man with the answers to those questions is GLOW creator Matt Cimber, who also produces, writes and directs the popular TV series.

"Our ideal candidate is a girl next door," he says. "She's outgoing, intelligent and in great shape. She's got an intense curiosity about life and yearns to see the far corners of the earth."

Strangely, experienced women wrestlers don't make good GLOW candidates. As Cimber reasons, "While they may be



"Some girls are deeply committed to cleaning up the barnyard of dirty wrestling, and that's no BS!"

CIMBER SPEAKS



"Angel the Biker Chick hopped on her Harley and high-tailed it toward GLOW. She combs her hair with motorcycle oil!"

physically powerful, the emphasis in their training has generally been different from what we need. Invariably, they have too narrow a focus about what we do on the show. More than professional wrestling skills, GLOW girls need additional talents such as singing, dancing, gymnastics, acting, improvisational comedy, modeling, TV live-stage techniques."

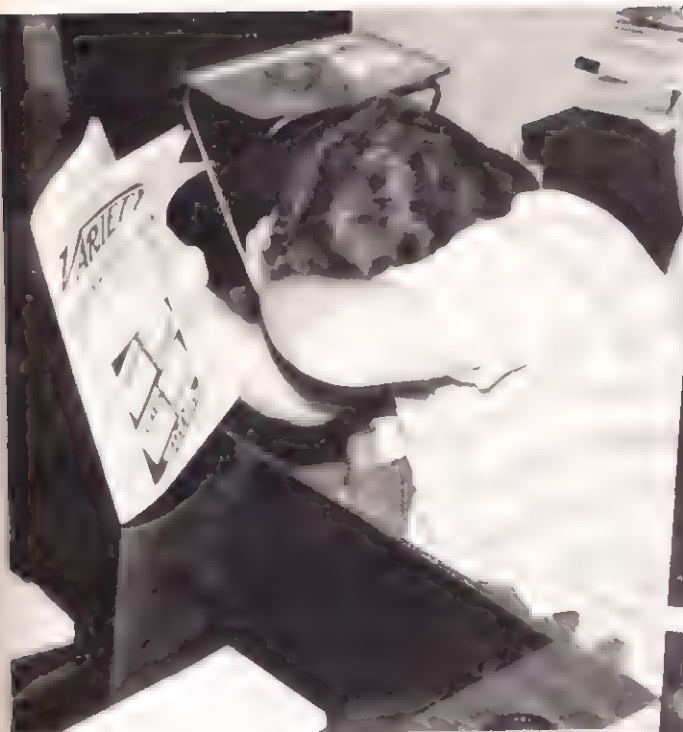
"When a new recruit is accepted into GLOW she begins an intensive training program," Cimber adds. "This program takes a minimum of six weeks, but basically it lasts as long as necessary for the girl to get prepared. The ladies refer to this as 'boot camp,' but I've got to tell you, this is much tougher than anything the military's ever thought up. By the time a recruit is ready to join GLOW she's disciplined, delightful... and deadly."

Just how does that recruiting process work? Are there special GLOW talent scouts lurking about? According to Cimber, the system works two ways. "Sometimes we find them; more often, they find

us," he says. Either way, GLOW girls come from all walks of life.

Some are athletes or are in show business. Others get connected with GLOW through family ties. The Farmer's Daughters are a great example. Cimber tells the story: "You'll remember on our first season we had Sally, the Farmer's eldest daughter. But she got homesick and went back to Hog Hollow, Nebraska for a visit with her kin. In her place, she sent us her next youngest sister, Amy, who's with us now. And I just got a letter from still another sister—this one's called Babe—and she says she's saving up for a trip out West 'cause she wants to join GLOW too."

"Now, these gals are really something else. They look all innocence and pigtails, but watch out 'cause they fight like a ton of firecrackers! And they're all deeply committed to cleaning up the barnyard of dirty wrestling. I only hope the Farmer and his Mrs. have a never-ending supply of baby girls!



"There's a great camaraderie among the girls of GLOW," Cimber boasts. "They bond together and terrific friendships start that will last forever. Even the bad girls manage to find allies. I really believe these young women sense they're sharing a truly unique opportunity, and they're determined to enjoy every minute of it."

GLOW matches take place at the beautiful Las Vegas Riviera Hotel. For several months each year during taping season, GLOW girls practically take over the hotel as fun segments are videotaped around the Riviera's casino, pool, gym, beauty salon, kitchen and suites. Very often, hotel guests who attend the live GLOW events will rush backstage afterward to find out how they can sign up.

Mostly, though, young women are inspired from the TV show and then write their local stations for information. In turn, they are put in touch with the GLOW offices. But Cimber suggests writing directly to GLOW's casting depart-

"I was having breakfast at a coffee shop and this young girl was my waitress. I signed her up with GLOW right away!"

CIMBER SPEAKS

Ninotchka pile-drives Ebony (below), while Tammy Jones sets Spanish Red on her head (right).



"Phyllis the Housewife hopped a Greyhound and headed out to GLOW after her husband ran off with a young bimbo!"

ment at 9560 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Send photos, resumes, videotapes or anything else that will convince Cimber you belong in GLOW. (Unfortunately, these materials cannot be returned. Do not call or visit the offices; only mailed correspondence will be accepted.)

"Little Fiji will be joining her big sister in the ring this season," Cimber adds, "which is big news for fans who are used to seeing the beautiful island princess demurely assisting her sister from outside the ropes."

Cimber tells many other stories about the GLOW girls. For instance, when Angel the Biker Chick got bored with the scene in Oakland, she hopped on her Harley and high-tailed it toward GLOW. (You can tell who she is by the black leather and dirty blonde hair. She combs it with motorcycle oil!)

And of course there are the Housewives—Phyllis and her neighbor Arlene, who decide to blow off Newark when

Phyllis' husband ran off with a young bimbo. They grabbed a Greyhound and headed out, but not before thoroughly scouring the bus terminal!

Ebony, that sensuous beauty from Detroit, looks like she could have been a *Solid Gold* dancer, but in fact, she was a clothing store model when Cimber discovered her.

Even more amazing is how Cimber met one of his new female wrestlers. "I was having breakfast at a coffee shop and she was my waitress," he recalls. "Her personality and sunny good looks were obvious, even in that uniform. I signed her up right away. She, like a lot of others, joined GLOW and has never regretted it.

Matt Cimber sums up his creation with this GLOWing review: "We're delighted by the public's strong response to the show. We knew it would be successful, but this is beyond our wildest dreams. But if you think we've been good up until now, just wait, because we're getting better all the time." ■

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